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SUBJECT: CYRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA: RESULTS OF APRIL 4
SESSION

1. CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED ON MONDAY AFTERNOON,
APRIL 4, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR PEREZ DE
CUELLAR, WITH TWO HOUR MEETING DEVOTED TO THE TERRITORIAL
ISSUE.

2. ACCORDING TO UN OFFICIALS, THE SESSION WENT EXTREMELY
WELL. THERE WAS A LIVELY GIVE AND TAKE BETWEEN TURKISH
CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN AND GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR
PAPADOPOULOS, AND UN OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS ABSOLUTELY
CLEAR THAT ONAN'S PRESENTATION REFLECTED NEW INSTRUCTIONS
"FROM SOMEWHERE." THE TURKS HAD LONG SHEETS OF PAPER IN
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FRONT OF THEM, FROM WHICH THEY READ AS THEY WERE
MAKING INDIVIDUAL POINTS.

3. THE SESSION BEGAN WITH ONAN MAKING A GENERAL
STATEMENT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION ON TERRITORY.
HE EXPLAINED THAT NO TURKISH CYPRIOT COUNTER-PROPOSAL
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, AND THAT WHILE THE TURKISH

CYPRIOIS WANTED NO LAND THEY DID NOT NOW HOLD, THEY COULD NOT STATE EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO RELINQUISH. ONAN THEN ATTACKED THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP, SAYING IT FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SUCH IMPORTANT "CRITERIA" AS TURKISH CYPRIOT SECURITY, VIABILITY AND LAND OWNERSHIP.

4. ONAN QUICKLY BECAME MORE SPECIFIC, AND WENT OVER THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, EXPLAINING WHY, AREA BY AREA, THE LINE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD DRAWN COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. ONAN'S HEAVIEST FIRE WAS DIRECTED AT THE GREEK CYPRIOT LINE WEST OF NICOSIA. ONAN SAID THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, FOR ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REASONS, WANTED TO RETAIN THE ENTIRE MORPHOU REGION. HE REFUSED TO DEFINE WHAT HE MEANT BY THE MORPHOU REGION, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE TOWN OF MORPHOU AND AN AREA ON ALL SIDES OF THE CITY WOULD BE KEPT BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

5. ONAN DID NOT RAISE MAJOR OBJECTIONS ABOUT THE LINE EAST OF NICOSIA EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO THE INSUFFICIENT PROTECTION FOR TYMBOU AIRPORT AND THE LACK OF ADEQUATE FARM- LAND AND "HINTERLAND". AS PART OF THIS PRESENTATION, ONAN SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARED TO RENEW THEIR PROPOSAL OF EARLY 1975 FOR THE RE-OPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL MANAGER WITH A BOARD OF GOVERNORS WITH EQUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

6. MOVING EASTWARD, ONAN SAID SIMPLY THAT THE KARPAS COULD

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NOT BE DIVIDED, AND WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN UNDER TURKISH CYPRIOT CONTROL FOR SECURITY REASONS. HE WAS EQUALLY ADAMANT ABOUT RETAINING THE TRIKOMO AREA NORTH OF FAMAGUSTA, AND SAYING THIS HAD TO BE CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THE OLD CITY OF FAMAGUSTA. UN OFFICIALS DID, HOWEVER, GAIN THE IMPRESSION FROM ONAN THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD RETAIN THE AREA DIRECTLY SOUTH OF FAMAGUSTA, MEANING VAROSHA AND PERHAPS SOME VILLAGES NEAR IT.

7. AFTER THIS LENGTHY TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESENTATION, GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS RESPONDED POINT BY POINT TO ONAN. HE, TOO, CITED ECONOMIC VIABILITY, AND LAND OWNERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS IN EXPLAINING WHY THE GREEKS HAD DRAWN THE LINE WHERE THEY HAD. HE CRITICIZED ONAN'S PRESENTATION AS BEING INSUFFICIENTLY SPECIFIC, POINTING OUT THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER TURKISH REQUESTS IF HE KNEW WHAT THEY WERE. PAPADOPOULOS MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DRAW UP A SECOND MAP. THE GREEKS HAD ALREADY DEVELOPED ONE, AND IF THE TURKS

WISHED TO HAVE A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE TERRITORIAL
ISSUE, THEY WOULD AT SOME POINT HAVE TO COME FORWARD AND
STATE WHAT AREAS THEY WISHED TO RETAIN AND WHAT AREAS THEY
WERE PREPARED TO GIVE UP. WITHOUT THAT KIND OF
DETAIL, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO KEEP A DISCUSSION GOING.

8. WHILE THE MEETING TOOK ON MORE OF THE CHARACTER OF A
DEBATE THAN A NEGOTIATION, UN OFFICIALS WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT
ENOUGH ISSUES HAD BEEN TOUCHED ON BUT NOT FULLY EXPLORED,
THAT AT LEAST ONE OR TWO MORE MEETINGS ON THE TERRITORIAL
ISSUE COULD BE PROFITABLY HELD THIS WEEK IN VIENNA. THESE
MEETINGS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. THE MORNING SESSIONS ON TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR A FURTHER CONSIDERATION
OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION. THE TUESDAY MORNING
MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE
ONAN'S RESPONSE TO PAPADOPOULOS' PRESENTATION OF SATURDAY
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